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DETERMINING METHOD, RECORDING
METHOD, OPTICAL DISK APPARATUS,
PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM
THEREOF

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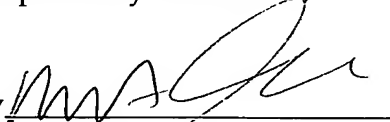
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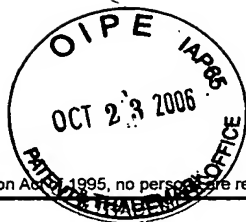
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